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In re Application of
Nir Bar Natan, et al.
Application No. 09/463,557
Filed: August 15, 2000
For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
AUTHENTICATING SIGNATURES**

DECISION ON REQUEST

This is a decision on the request for continued suspension filed December 16, 2004.

Applicants request a second period of suspension for 6 months. The reason for the request is that the Applicants are in the process of selling ownership of the application to prospective owners who want to participate in the prosecution of the application.

MPEP § 1.103 Suspension of action by the Office, states in part:

(a) Suspension for cause. On request of the applicant, the Office may grant a suspension of action by the Office under this paragraph for good and sufficient cause. The Office will not suspend action if a reply by applicant to an Office action is outstanding. Any petition for suspension of action under this paragraph must specify a period of suspension not exceeding six months. Any petition for suspension of action under this paragraph must also include:

- (1) A showing of good and sufficient cause for suspension of action; and
- (2) The fee set forth in § 1.17(h), unless such cause is the fault of the Office.

A review of the application reveals that Applicants filed a request for continued examination (RCE), along with a first request for suspension of three months, on July 2, 2004. The first suspension request was granted in a communication mailed September 16, 2004. Although the first suspension period expired October 2, 2004, an Office action is not currently outstanding.

Therefore, Applicants request for a second suspension under 37 C.F.R. §1.103 is **GRANTED**.

Ex parte prosecution is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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